

SOUVENIR TESTIMONIAL PROGRAMME



FRED HILL

**BOLTON WANDERERS
versus
MANCHESTER CITY**

at Burnden Park
Monday, October 15th, 1990 Kick Off 7.30 p.m.

PRICE £1.00



A Word From.....

FRANNY

I first met Fred in my early footballing days at Bolton Wanderers—but he's a bit older than me . . . !! Fred was already in the first team along with Gordon Taylor & Co. and I was just sixteen.

We spent the next six or seven seasons together at Burnden and at one stage only lived three houses apart in Astley Bridge.

Then I moved on to Manchester City and Fred signed for Alan Ball senior at Halifax. Alan Ball watched most of Bolton's games and therefore he knew Fred inside out but during a particular time we had a weak squad at City and I had to convince Malcolm (Allison) and Joe (Mercer) that Fred would be an ideal acquisition. Fred's transfer paid dividends and he played really well over two seasons. He was an extremely gifted and talented player.

As Chairman of the Fred Hill Testimonial Committee I say thank you to both Phil Neal and Howard Kendall for their co-operation in staging tonight's game. Both are old friends and over the years I think both Fred and myself have played against them at various times.

Finally and most important a big thank you to everybody who have been happy to join in and take part in the events organised for Fred Hill, a truly brilliant player of his era.

Francis Lee

FRED'S

Thanks.....



I have never been one for making speeches and when Bolton Wanderers kindly granted me a surprise testimonial year I still had little knowledge of what was in store.

I have so much to thank Francis Lee for, when he quickly formed my Testimonial Committee and held an inaugural meeting at his home. From then we have progressed and various events have already been held and more are in the pipeline.

When I was first called upon to make a personal acknowledgement it was quite an ordeal and yet during my career I could play

in front of big crowds and it never bothered me.

I spent 20 years in the game starting here at Bolton as a mere fifteen year old and finishing through injury in Sweden; not many will remember that. No doubt the thoughts will come flooding back during the course of tonight's proceedings when I look around Burnden Park. It was here at Bolton that I won England honours before moving to Halifax for six months at the age of 29 and when Manchester City came for me that was a complete surprise. Three years on and I signed for Peterborough and

helped them win the 4th Division Championship in my first season. I was delighted to be included in the Fourth Division 'select' team because I was chosen by fellow players.

The staging of my testimonial game could not have taken place without the co-operation of Phil Neal and Howard Kendall and I am sincerely grateful to Bolton Wanderers and all who have attended this game.

Thank you for your kind support.

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RIGHT, said Fred—Bolton inside forward Fred Hill gets congratulations and advice from this all-star line-up at Burnden Park: (left to right) dressing room assistant Harry Nuttall (England 1928-29), assistant trainer Nat Loft-

house (England 1952-59), coach George Taylor (Bolton wing half), assistant coach George Hunt (England 1933), senior trainer Bert Sproston (England 1938-39), and manager Bill Ridding (England trainer).



● While his Bolton Wanderers' cup team colleagues were out on a walking exercise, Freddie Hill was doing light training on his injured ankle with colleague Warwick Rimmer (right) at the Bromwich-st. ground today.



● Bolton Wanderers and Manchester United players have been beating the weather hazards in training this week and pictured here is Bolton's **FREDDIE HILL** selecting a ball before putting in a stint of ball control work at Burnden Park.

What the Papers say...

Freddie Hill Testimonial

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Hill hits three —Bolton daz

by JACK PARKER: Bolton 3, Sheffield United
FRED HILL, English international inside forward and at second half, but Bolton were even more delighted with the 18-year-old wingers Butler and Lee who made the difference.

HURRICANE HILL PUTS GREAVES IN THE SHADE

By Bob Morley
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ...2 BOLTON WANDERERS ...1
BRISK, bossy Bolton Wanderers, somewhat in need of the fixture, refused to allow half-strength Tottenham to

HILL IS A MUST FOR ENGLAND

HILL'S SKILLS STEAL SHOW

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS
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Freddy Hill gets his big chance

By JACK WOOD
FREDDY HILL, the Bolton lad with stooped shoulders

Skilful Hill—and now he has the speed

By DEREK WALLIS
Bolton 1, Bristol City 0
FREDDIE Hill, part of Hill's performance in which he left

By MATT D'ARCY
MANCHESTER CITY'S highly-demanding boss Malcolm Allison revealed before the game with Mr. Hill and their

FRED HILL LOOKS CERTAIN TO MAKE TRIP TO CHILE

FRED HILL, Bolton Wanderers' talented young forward, has already won Inter-League

EDDIE HILL ZIP MAKES ISRAEL





Welcome To.....

MANCHESTER CITY

It's quite a few season's since Manchester City and Bolton came face to face competitively in the Cup or League but there is quite a friendly relationship off the field.

It's just over a year ago that Howard Kendall brought his first team squad to Burnden to support Nat Lofthouse's Testimonial Year and now he's obliged again.

Since arriving at Maine Road, Howard Kendall is gradually turning the Club round and judging by their standard of play this term one feels that it won't be long before City win something and the glory days will be back. The 'Blues' are of course a big Club and Howard Kendall likes the glitter of silver. It would be fitting for the Club to become first winners of the Rumbelows Cup and the way the next round draw has fared, if they overcome Arsenal a long awaited Wembley return could be a strong possibility. But the manager takes each game as it comes and tonight's encounter is more important at this stage. Recent transfer business between Bolton and City brought young defender Mark Seagraves to Burnden and no doubt he will be hoping to overcome a slight injury to be included in Phil Neal's Bolton line-up for this occasion.

With City having no competitive fixture last Saturday, Howard no doubt will field his strongest team to keep the momentum flowing and this will give Wanderers fans the opportunity of seeing the big signings, Tony Coton and Niall Quinn at close quarters.

Equally important we extend a warm Bolton welcome to the City fans who have travelled to Burnden tonight to show their appreciation, not only to the game but to Freddie Hill who cherishes fond memories of three years at Maine Road.

It's often been said that during his career, Fred has sold more 'dummies' than Mothercare!!

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**£12,000 Hill
'better than
me' says Lee**

MANCHESTER CITY paid £12,000 yesterday for a player "better than Francis Lee" — Halifax Town's former Bolton star Freddie Hill, writes **BOB RUSSELL**.

And who says 30-year-old Hill, snapped up for £5,000 less than a year ago by Alan Ball—is better than the England World Cup star? Well Francis Lee does.

**I owe City
a debt and
will pay 'em
in full** —**FREDDIE
HILL**

CITY SHOCK MOVE: SIGN FRED HILL



FREDDIE HILL . . . celebrating his return to the top at Maine Road

ALLISON SNAPS UP BARGAIN BUY HILL



BACK TO BOLTON . . . Wyn Davies, Freddie Hill and Francis Lee yesterday

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Allison: I'll make Hill a big star



● TALKING about the future . . . Freddie Hill (right) with Malcolm Allison.

HILL GOAL AS CITY BLAST CHAMPIONS

MANCHESTER CITY'S League goal famine came to a dramatic end at Maine Road this afternoon as the Blues exploded with three first half goals against champions Everton. And ex-Wanderer Freddie Hill led the way, scoring one and making another.

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FROM DAY ONE

WHEN FREDDIE HILL TESTIMONIAL YEAR WAS LAUNCHED

When Freddie Hills Testimonial Year was launched- in the form of a Sportsman's Dinner at the Last Drop Village in Bromley Cross, it was an incredible and surely unrepeatable response from so many of the celebrities who were in the 200 plus audience. WILF MCGUINNESS a former Busby babe and later to become Manchester United manager took up the role as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion and did a really fantastic job. He was seated alongside the host on the top table and brought laughter from the guests when he said "In the many times I've played against Fred, this is the closest I've got to him".

Committee Chairman FRANCIS LEE paid his own tribute to Fred and donated one of his personal international caps against Portugal to a grand fund raising auction. Professional Footballers Association secretary GORDON TAYLOR spoke of his early happy days at Burnden Park and told stories about how Alan Ball was rejected because he was too small amongst many other interesting tales.

1958 Cup Final heroes big JOHN HIGGINS and EDDIE HOPKINSON sat

side by side on the top table. John of course is now General Manager at promotion chasing Stockport County whilst Eddie runs his own Wines and Spirits store at his native Royton.

RALPH GUBBINS who scored two important semi final goals to put Wanderers into that Final flanked his former keeper. Ralph has been involved with newspaper distribution for many years since finishing as a professional footballer.

ALAN BALL rose to his feet to admit what a difficult job he has on hand in trying to rebuild a Stoke City side capable of winning promotion next term, but spoke of the encouragement he received from his family in his early days. It was Alan's late father who persuaded Fred Hill to join him at Halifax during his spell as manager at The Shay. Manchester City director FREDDIE PYE and scout KEN BARNES were in attendance with the former rising to his feet for ten minutes of laughter involving life at Maine Road.

Testimonial winger MIKE SUMMERBEE told many soccer stories from a colourful career. Mike is remembered as being a crowd pleaser and he certainly entertained the interested audience. He told one funny story about the manager who was sacked in the 1963 Winter freeze up as a result of the Pools Panel predicting six losses on the trot. Mike Summerbee is still involved in clothing and manufactures really fine shirts.

Local snooker player TONY

KNOWLES gave up his valuable time to salute Fred Hill as did Fred's former manager MALCOLM ALLISON. Malcolm spoke of his early days as a raw youngster which led to his transfer to West Ham. Claiming that the manager never spoke to him for six seasons—on the one day that he did—was given a blunt reply and the following day Allison was on his way to Upton Park

FREDS GOLF CLASSIC

The day was atrocious and someone remarked that Fred had certainly given us a day to remember. Phil Neal and Mick Brown took part in a Bolton Wanderers team. Comedian Eddie Large accompanied Jimmy Frizzell, Roy Little and Glyn Pardoe round the Old Links Course. "They asked me if I would like to play for Manchester City, I gratefully agreed but they never told me it was playing golf. Anyway its the first time there's been a little and large playing for City", grinned Eddie.

Other ex-players who took part included Willie Morgan, Francis Lee, Tony Hateley and Wyn Davies

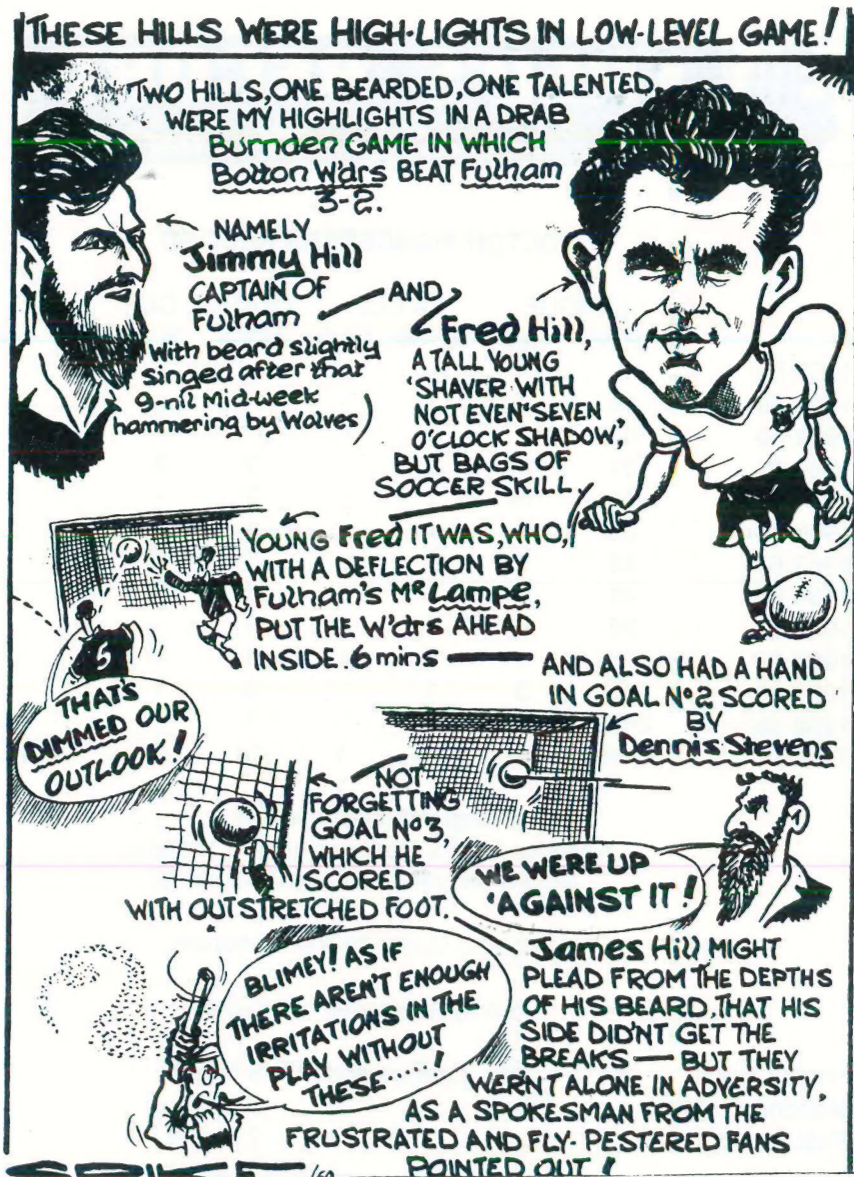
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FRED'S RECORD

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	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
1957-58	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1958-59	18	7	-	-	-	-	18	7
1959-60	40	8	3	-	-	-	43	8
1960-61	31	3	2	-	3	3	36	6
1961-62	41	14	1	-	2	-	44	14
1962-63	38	7	1	-	1	-	40	7
1963-64	29	2	4	-	1	-	33	2
1964-65	41	15	3	1	1	-	45	16
1965-66	38	8	3	-	1	-	42	8
1966-67	25	1	3	-	1	-	29	1
1967-68	36	3	1	-	3	1	40	4
1968-69	35(2)	6	2	-	1	-	39(2)	6
TOTAL	373(2)	74	23	1	14	4	410(2)	79

England Internationals

October 1962 v Northern Ireland (Belfast)

November 1962 v Wales (Wembley)

England Under 23 Internationals

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FREDDIE HILL



Bolton Wanderers 1956 - 70

Ex Wanderer Fred still occasionally makes the headlines today, be it by reading the Saturday Buff "25 Years Ago" column.

Joining the Burnden staff in 1955 as a raw recruit from school he worked at his game and broke into the first team when Ray Parry took up a left wing role. Fred is remembered for his stooped shoulders and lazy looking when on the ball, but he was deceptive to the opposition and his vision was brilliant. Like many class players before him and a few since he admits to never being able to be coached. He said, "George Taylor used to tell me to go out and do what I wanted."

He learned the tricks by watching players like Jackie Sewell, Jimmy Hagan and one time 'golden boy' Albert Quixall. He explained, "If I saw them do something special in a game I would go home and practice the same move on my mates and found that I could do it. I was always impressed by brilliance." Fred reckons that the

great players then would be great players now. Comparing he said, "Nowadays everything is better—the footwear and match balls. They used to tap a ball with big boots which were heavier than today's shoes."

Fred Hill completed 350 games for Bolton, picking up 10 or 20 caps and two full internationals along the way. Looking for experience Alan Ball Snr. persuaded Fred to join him at Halifax but it wasn't long before rumours had it that Manchester City were showing interest, on recommendation from Francis Lee and a move to Maine Road was eventually fulfilled. At the time City were a good side and just won the championship and were heading the First Division again. Fred said, "We were five points clear at Christmas and I suffered an injury at Everton. We just seemed to fade from then on in, and I was eventually replaced by Rodney Marsh."

In almost 20 years a player Fred probably has one disappointment—

he almost joined Liverpool. He confessed, "I had high hopes. The thought of partnering Peter Thompson and Ian St. John alongside, but when Bill Shankly informed me I'd failed the medical it had a psychological effect and I didn't know whether I'd even play again." But Fred shrugged off the disappointment and got on with the job and admits to being grateful to turn out for Bolton the following week. Ironically Fred played against Liverpool some six months later and had a good game. He recalled, "Bolton won 3-2 and the papers reported the following day that one Liverpool fan was heard to say 'It's a good job he's not fit.'"

Fred still teams up with Francis Lee, where now Franny is his employer and Fred's son plays at Atherton Collieries so he monitors his progress closely. On the pro-scene Fred likes watching Liverpool. He said, "They have a few individuals that I like."

FRED HILL

TESTIMONIAL

BOLTON WANDERERS

David Felgate
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Barry Cowdrill
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Mark Seagraves
Mark Winstanley
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